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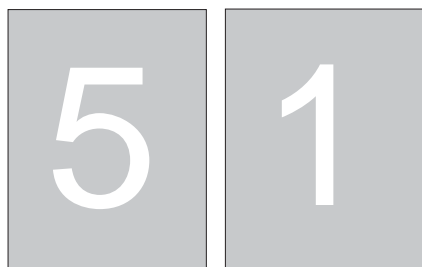
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Photo by Ellen Lee

Kevin Young (left), world record holder and reigning gold medalist at the 400-meter hurdles, and his coach, Lawrence Athill, teach children from the Incirlik School Age Summer Program how to exercise properly, run faster and jump hurdles. See related photo, Page 12.

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Ambassador Eric Edelman, the highest-ranking civilian in Turkey, visited Incirlik Aug. 27. While here, he took time to thank Incirlik's sports director for helping secure fitness equipment for Ankara. See related story, Page 3. (Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards.)

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U.S. Ambassador to Turkey visits Incirlik

Highest-ranking civilian in Turkey thanks sports director for helping secure fitness equipment for Ankara

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
39th Maintenance Group

While on a visit to Incirlik, Ambassador Eric Edelman, the highest-ranking civilian in Turkey, awarded Dick Gooley, 39th Services Squadron fitness and sports director, with a certificate of appreciation for his assistance in securing fitness equipment for Ankara.

While here, Ambassador Edelman took the opportunity to talk about Incirlik's roles in the past and future.

The ambassador cited Incirlik's past contributions from containing Soviet power during the Cold War to restraining Saddam Hussein's power during the Gulf War and current contributions in supporting Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

"I see the contributions to the Global War on Terrorism continuing into the future. Incirlik is important to U.S. National Security Policy and it will continue to be," he said.

He also expressed his gratitude to the men and women of the 39th Air Base Wing, referencing this past spring's Freedom Hangar operation as yet another example of the organization's hard work.

"During the troop rotation, the troops commented on the great reception they received here at Incirlik," said Ambassador Edelman. "It was really appreciated."

When President Bush visited Turkey in June, the ambassador spoke with him about the 39th ABW.

"He is proud of everyone's service and is thrilled to be associated



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Ambassador Eric Edelman (right), the highest-ranking civilian in Turkey, shakes hands with Dick Gooley, 39th Services Squadron fitness and sports director. Ambassador Edelman presented Mr. Gooley with a certification of appreciation for helping secure fitness equipment for Ankara.

with them," said the ambassador.

"We're honored to host the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey at Incirlik and allow him to see firsthand the men and women of the 39th ABW in action," said Col. Robert Suminsby Jr., 39th ABW vice commander.

Ambassador Edelman returned to Ankara in time to help bring a little slice of America to the city — opening its first Starbucks Coffee Shop.

School lunches

Prices increase for first time since 1995

By Capt. Diane Weed
Army and Air Force Exchange Service
Public Affairs

DALLAS — The price of a full-priced meal served in the Army and Air Force Exchange Service overseas school meal program will increase by 10 cents for the 2004 to 2005 school year — the first increase in nine years.

This year's price adjustment is necessary to cover recent increases in food, labor and transportation costs, AAFES officials said. The free, reduced-price (40 cents) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in AAFES school cafeterias, will not be affected. Elementary school meals will be \$2.05 and middle- and high-school meals will be \$2.20.

AAFES officials said they will continue to review the pricing policy annually to ensure the program is running on a break-even basis. In comparison, some schools throughout the United States are raising breakfast and lunch prices by as much as \$1.

"Our mandate is to provide these meals on a break-even basis," said Army Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander. "Since AAFES does not generate any earnings from the school meal program, raising the prices is the only way to sustain the program. As much as we hate to raise these prices, this modest increase is in the best interest of the school meal program."

"AAFES will continue to work with (U.S. Department of Agriculture) and Department of Defense Education Activity to improve this

program and to look for efficiency and economy, ultimately containing the cost as much as possible while continuing to provide a wide variety of nutritious meals to our students," she continued.

AAFES, the school food authority for DOD overseas schools, provides USDA-approved school meals to students on Army and Air Force installations in 10 countries throughout Europe and the Pacific. Each year, this program serves about 4.5 million lunches in 136 schools.

AAFES school meal daily menus are posted for review at <http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/default.asp>. Parents and students can forward comments and suggestions on the Web site directly to the AAFES staff dietitian, Maj. John Ruibal.

39th CS improves runway safety

By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Incirlik has a safer runway and an improved antenna system thanks to extensive work by the 39th Communications Squadron.

The projects, which include a shelter relocation and an antenna upgrade, have been in the works for more than a year.

"The shelter relocation project is an Air Force safety initiative," said Master Sgt. Michael Hutchinson, 39th CS airfield systems superintendent. "We had to remove or reconfigure items near the runway which could cause serious damage to an aircraft or people in the event of an accident."

Incirlik has a shelter, which houses radio frequency transmitters, on both ends of the runway. The shelters were 190 feet from the centerline of the runway, 60 feet too close according to the Air Force's more stringent safety measures.

"If an aircraft's brakes aren't working and it runs into the grass, it could crash into a shelter and cause significant damage to an aircraft," said Tech. Sgt. Christopher Mossor, 39th CS Meteorological Navigational Systems NCO in charge. "The Air Force decided 250 feet was a safer distance from the runway."

Although each shelter is only about the size of a shed, the relocation was still a massive undertaking.

"We had to pour a new concrete foundation, put in new cabling and relocate the environmental control units, generators and electrical equipment," said Sergeant Hutchinson. "The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron completed the bulk of the work with help from METNAV, the 39th CS cable team and a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special maintenance team."

The second project involved a new antenna system installation.

The antennas, like the shelters, are located on both ends of the runway. The antenna arrays are used to transmit signals from the localizer, a precision-approach landing system used to align an aircraft with runway centerline during inclement weather.

"The localizer's signals provide the pilot with a visual presentation of the aircraft's position in respect to the runway centerline," Sergeant Hutchinson said. "The pilot can correct the aircraft's position until



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards

Senior Airman Mandy Ellis, 39th Communications Squadron Meteorological Navigational Systems journeyman, helps move radio frequency transmitters. The transmitters were moved 250 feet further from the runway to meet the Air Forces' more stringent safety measures.

cockpit instruments indicate proper alignment. He is then able fly the aircraft to a point where he can make visual contact with the runway for landing."

The upgrade improves system reliability, increases maintenance capabilities and sustains system integrity, Sergeant Hutchinson said.

Both projects require a flight check by the Federal Aviation Administration before they become operational. The FAA conducted both checks Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We passed the flight checks flawlessly," said Sergeant Hutchinson. "After equipment certification, the equipment will be turned back over to the 39th Operations Squadron air traffic controllers."

"We worked hard to accomplish the bulk of the work during the recent runway closure to minimize the downtime of this critical navigational aid," he continued. "But the hard work pays off with a safer runway and increased performance of our navigational systems."

Napster brings digital music to the U.S. military

Agreement with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service brings online music to the ears of more than 11 million military personnel, retirees and their families

DALLAS – Napster®, a division of Roxio, announced an agreement with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to give all branches of the U.S. military access to the innovative Napster 2.0 music service through www.centricmall.com.

AAFES is making Napster's catalog of le-

gal music – more than 750,000 tracks – and community features available to more than 11.5 million active, Reserve and retired military personnel and their families. Napster offers authorized exchange customers discounted rates on both its subscription service and the Napster Light download store.

"It is always great when AAFES can deliver another service to our customers," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander.

Napster is the first digital product to be offered on CentricMall.com, a password-protected Web site featuring more than 40 online vendors that can be accessed only by authorized exchange customers. These customers can also access the Napster service through

the exchange online store, an online destination featuring more than 25,000 items from multiple vendors. Military customers can access the Centric Mall service through AAFES.com, usmc-mccs.org, navy-nex.com, eg-exchange or by going directly to www.centricmall.com.

In addition to Napster's regular payment methods, the service accepts the "Military Star Card" credit card to facilitate CentricMall.com customer transactions.

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DoDEA pushing to keep DOD schools moving in right direction

By **Samantha Quigley**
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – As the Department of Defense Education Activity prepares for the coming school year, DODEA's director said efforts are under way to make DOD's schools even better for the families of military people.

Joseph Tafoya said a primary focus this school year would be curriculum and staff development.

"We have very high reading scores. We have very good math scores," Mr. Tafoya said. "This is the first place I've worked where the math scores are a little lower than the reading scores."

DoDEA's response to this, he said, is to work to reinforce its already excellent literacy program with a much stronger math program. In its second year of a program called "Math Matters" that started in the high schools, DoDEA is looking very carefully at the curriculum and how it is taught.

Other efforts may not be so obvious to parents and students.

Tafoya said some less visible changes would focus on curriculum and how to deliver staff development to employees scattered around the world. He said it is difficult to ensure every school is getting the same kind of training.

"But we're trying to be very creative in how we help teachers teach better," he said. "My comment to staff at the beginning of the year (is) that we need to continue to analyze how we teach, but more importantly, to continue to analyze how students learn."

The process of analyzing how students learn has paid off for DODEA schools.

DOD students' fourth- and eighth-grade scores are consistently near the top of the National Report Card, an annual ranking of schools nationwide based on several criteria.

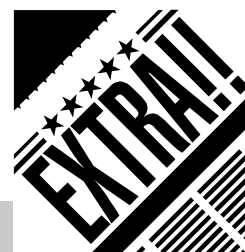
Keeping the students at the top of their academic game sometimes requires extra help. In high school, it is very easy to schedule students with academic problems into a support class to bolster their learning in a particular subject. This same assistance is not so easily achieved in elementary school where scheduling a support class may require pulling a student from a lesson in another subject.

"It is much easier to address individual student needs at the high school and middle school level from a scheduling standpoint," Mr. Tafoya said. "What we've got to do is find a way to do it better at the elementary school, without interrupting the regular program."

Initiatives introduced in DoDEA high schools several years ago will now be broached at the elementary and middle school levels. Committees will address whether staff levels are sufficient to meet objectives and whether the most positive learning environment is being provided.

One committee will examine practices at the elementary level, and another will do the same for the middle school level. The initiative will involve teachers, principals, administrators, parents and command representatives.

DODEA operates 222 public schools in 15 districts located in 13 foreign countries, seven states, Guam and Puerto Rico. All schools within DODEA are fully accredited by U.S. accreditation agencies. About 8,785 teachers serve DODEA's 102,600 students.



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Road closure

"A" Street, between 7th Street and Building 650, closes Thursday at 8 a.m. through Sept. 3 at 4 p.m. for a communication squadron upgrade project. For more information, call Paul Swinney, 39th Civil Engineer Squadron construction management chief, at 6-8020.

Holiday greetings

Army and Air Force Hometown News Service Holiday Greetings team will videotape holiday greetings for all military members and civilians at Incirlik Sept. 13-15. The taping will take place in the interior court yard of the high school.

All military personnel must be in uniform and are encouraged to bring their family members. Sign up for a 20-minute time block by Sept. 13. No walk-ins will be accepted. To reserve a time or for more information, call Staff Sgt. Eugene Taylor, American Forces Network-Incirlik, at 6-6491.

School physicals

School physicals for the 2004 - 2005 school year will be performed Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. To schedule and appointment, call 6-6174.

MPF closure

The military personnel flight is closed Monday in preparation for the upcoming unit compliance inspection. For more information, call MPF customer service at 6-3280.

Service store closure

The individual equipment element is closed Tuesday to Thursday and the base service store is closed Sept. 7 to 9 for semiannual inventory. For more information, call Master Sgt. Sundra Washington, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron retail sales superintendent, at 6-8308 or 6-6538.

High school needs teachers

Incirlik High School is in need of substitute teachers, special education aids and AVID tutors for the upcoming school year. If interested or for more information, call Star Chase at 6-6330.



Scout's honor

Incirlik senior NCO receives Horizon District Merit Award

By 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson
39th Maintenance Group

Master Sgt. Paul Thompson, 39th Air Base Wing NCO in charge of safety, was honored for his dedicated service with the Boy Scouts when he received the Award of Merit for the Horizon District, which has 11 countries in its membership.

The Award of Merit is the highest award a volunteer Scouter can receive from the district.

Sergeant Thompson has been involved in Boy Scouts for a total of 18 years – 11 years as an adult leader and seven years as a youth. He sticks with it because he knows the impact it can have on personal development.

"I guess the biggest thing I get from Scouting is to see the smile on a new Scout's face when he earns his first rank or his first merit badge," said Sergeant Thompson. "After a while, you really see these young men change and become more independent. Plus, I still have fun."

The Boy Scout Troop meets once a week to work on various skills to develop character, citizenship or personal fitness. With the successful completion of each new skill, boys earn a merit badge. The merit badge program covers everything from swimming to public speaking and first aid.

Sergeant Thompson tries to help them down the Scouting trail toward the rank of Eagle Scout, a task made more difficult by Incirlik's isolated location.

"Our troop has had to be self-sufficient," said Sergeant Thompson. "We do not have any other troops nearby that we could have joined up with or have had a joint camp out with."

"Also, our main office is in Germany, so we had to conduct all business by phone or mail," he continued.

To join Boy Scouts, a boy has to have completed the fifth grade or be 11 years of age but not yet 18. For people interested but uncertain, Sergeant Thompson urges them to attend a Scout meeting to see what it is like.

"I know that Scouting made a positive difference in my life," said Sergeant Thompson. "When my oldest son first joined scouting, it brought back many fond memories. His unit needed help; that is how I got started as an adult leader."

For more information about Incirlik Boy Scouts, Troop 218, contact Staff Sgt. Lucas Dechant at 6-8009.



Photo by Senior Airman Dallas Edwards
Master Sgt. Paul Thompson, 39th Air Base Wing NCO in charge of safety, teaches Boy Scouts swimming fundamentals at the base pool so they can earn a swimming merit badge.

Scout Law

- ♦ **Trustworthy** — A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.
- ♦ **Loyal** — A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.
- ♦ **Helpful** — A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.
- ♦ **Friendly** — A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.
- ♦ **Courteous** — A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.
- ♦ **Kind** — A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.
- ♦ **Obedient** — A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.
- ♦ **Cheerful** — A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.
- ♦ **Thrifty** — A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.
- ♦ **Brave** — A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.
- ♦ **Clean** — A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.
- ♦ **Reverent** — A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

(Courtesy of www.scouting.org)

Incirlik softball teams poise for USAFE challenge

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Not having played all season against another base softball team, the Incirlik men's and women's softball teams plan to take the field by surprise at this year's 2004 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Softball Championship Saturday through Thursday at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Despite the odds, both teams bring to the plate a wealth of softball experience. Most of the men's team played for other base teams. This year's team has four returning players — Chip Campbell; Tony Rivera; Danny Turner; and Patrick Wickam, this year's coach.

The women bring an equal amount of talent to the diamond.

"A few of them have played on other USAFE base teams," said Michelle Brittingham, captain for the women's team.

All of the women have some degree of experience. A lot of them have played high school fast pitch.

"The conversion to slow pitch is totally different ... having a quick bat is nothing to be ashamed of," said Brittingham. "We hope to get some of the bugs worked out in the first couple of games."

The men plan on using the same strategy.

"With this year's line up, I can move people around to see what works best," Wickam said.

With 13 players going to the champion-



Photo by Airman Bradley Lail
Staff Sgt. Sandra Zimiga, 39th Medical Squadron laboratory technician, warms up for practice for Incirlik womens softball team.

ship, Wickam said six of them can consistently take it out of the ball park. The fences at Aviano are 320 feet compared to 265 feet here. A 12 homerun limit will apply and additional homeruns count as an automatic out.

The men and women have been tuning up their play ever since they held tryouts in February.

"Unlike Ramstein, which has played 60 games in the USAFE base league and tournaments, we've only played in the base intramural league as a co-ed team," said Wickam. "In fact, most of the base teams we will face during the tournament are a perfect fit. They have played together for at least a couple of years where we rotate every other year because of the tour length here."

According to Campbell, who also coaches the women's team, both teams will live by the philosophy that what wins games is offense and what saves games is defense. He said the men have a balanced attack and solid defense, while the women are hitting the ball better.

He expects both teams to do better in the win column than in previous years. The last time the Incirlik men's team won a game at the USAFE championship was in 1998, and the women recorded one victory last year.

After Tuesday night's combined practice session at Field One, both teams packed away their gloves and bats. On the return trip, they plan on packing a little bit more.



Bowl-a-thon — The Airlift Tanker Association sponsors a back to school bowl-a-thon Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Magic Carpet bowling alley. Cost is \$15 per five-person team per game. First 10 teams to sign up play. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin McCarty at 6-8139 or e-mail at kevin.mccarty@incirlik.af.mil.

Soccer volunteers — Volunteers are needed for the upcoming soccer season. Open jambo-ree begins Sept. 18 for ages 5 to 18. Volunteer packets are accepted at the youth center. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Soccer camp — Soccer camp begins Saturday and runs until Sept. 3. The cost is \$25. For more information, call Jerome Latimer at 6-6670.

Water aerobics — Water aerobics classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call 6-6044.

Skeet and trap shooting — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10, and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

Scuba course — Outdoor recreation offers a scuba course, which includes training and Professional Association of Diving Instructors certification. Water training is provided in an indoor pool, plus four open water dives in Kizkalesi. Cost is \$250. For more information, call Yasar Karalar, scuba instructor, at 6-6044 or e-mail incirlikdiving@yahoo.com.

Extreme Summer points — People can earn Extreme Summer points by submitting a FitPoints report. The report is at the FitLinxx Web site at www.incirlik.fitlinxx.com under "Workouts." For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.

Lap swim — Early morning lap swim is Mondays through Fridays from 6 to 7 a.m. at the base pool. For more information, call 6-3442.

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS



By Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander

Unit Compliance Inspection – 51 days to go!

As summer winds down, we are drawing closer to our U.S. Air Forces in Europe Inspector General Unit Compliance Inspection in October. By now, every duty section should be well down the road to preparing for this important event. It has been more than five years since the last UCI at Incirlik, and much has changed. Our local procedures and operating instructions need to be current, relevant and in compliance with higher headquarters guidance. This is an opportunity to show the IG team that you are an expert at your job and to brag about your successes – don't miss it!

Classified message incidents

Reports of classified message incidents have declined significantly. This means one of two things – our network users have become very security conscious and are watching carefully what information they put on their systems or the incidents are happening and not being reported. I hope the answer is our users are becoming very security conscious. National security is imperative, and we must take

precautionary actions to protect sensitive information. A CMI happens when information of higher classification than allowed is put onto a system of a lower classification. When you get a CMI, the first thing you should do is report the incident to the base information assurance office at 6-6146.

Force protection

Recently, an Air Force member from Incirlik was involved in a minor car accident in the Adana area. Both drivers immediately pulled to the side of the road to exchange information, but the second driver fled the scene. Immediately thereafter, several unknown people gathered around as if wanting to help. However, the confusion was orchestrated so they could loot the car for valuables.

This is a common tactic used by petty criminals designed to lure and distract unknowing victims to the side of the road where their car or person can be looted for anything of value. Other tactics include throwing rocks at cars in traffic, attractive women posing as stranded motorists or people who simply open your car door at an intersection and get in.

Remember that looks can be deceiving and to be extra cautious when driving off base, to include the Alley. Never offer a ride to any unknown person, regardless of their situation. Use caution when carrying valuables such as cameras off base. Keep your windows rolled up and doors locked at all times. If you are involved in an accident, stay in your car if possible. If you must get out, take your keys with you and lock your doors upon exiting your vehicle. Although the buddy system is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged. Remember, there is strength in numbers. As always, report any suspicious activity to either the Air Force office of special investigations at 6-6488 or the law enforcement desk at 6-3200.

Top 3 plays key role in developing enlisted force

By Master Sgt. Larry Schneck
Incirlik Top 3 Association president

During Operation Northern Watch, the men and women at Incirlik were needed in place to support the number of troops necessary to patrol the skies over northern Iraq.

Today, relief of previous mission stress allows the 39th Air Base Wing to contribute more to the operations down range. We're transitioning into a first-class supplier of men and women to the Expeditionary Air and Space Force.

The task of managing and training the Airmen on mobility confronts the senior NCO corps. The Incirlik Top 3 Association remains the backbone of a robust senior NCO cadre carrying out this transition.

Top 3 membership involves dedication to making a difference. It's about senior NCOs getting together and sharing ideas on how to better the enlisted force using available resources. Through hard work, perseverance and unmatched integrity, senior NCOS

set the example for Airmen and mid-level NCOs as they move through the ranks to the senior NCO tier.

At Incirlik, senior NCOs play critical roles in employing the wing with a force that is ready to answer calls around the globe – wherever air power and muscle must flex.

The Top 3 meeting is an avenue where senior NCOs gather to ensure a united front and consistency for the troops base wide.

The Top 3 provides a professional organization platform and camaraderie to unleash hidden strengths and untapped potential. The wing's Top 3 is a forum for senior NCOs to exchange ideas in a critical time of change. We strengthen Team Incirlik by developing managers and mentoring future leaders.

The only limits to what you can do tomorrow are your doubts of today. The Top 3 postures you for success by harnessing the collective power and experience of the men and women making up the top ranks in the U.S. Air Force. Every Senior NCO owns part of Top 3. Choose to belong and, more importantly, participate.

Commander's Action Line program

The Action Line program provides an avenue for the Incirlik community to voice their concerns, complaints and opinions to Col. Michael Gardiner, 39th Air Base Wing commander.

The program should only be used after you've tried resolving the issue through your chain of command.

Submit Action Lines by e-mailing action.line@incirlik.af.mil or calling the 39th Public Affairs Office at 6-6060.

Complaints will be edited to 300 words or less. Questions and responses may be printed in the *Tip of the Sword*.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Victory Day

Victory Day is a national Turkish holiday celebrated Monday.

It is the day of the great and final victory of national Turkish forces over Greek invaders in 1922.

The Ottoman Empire, which was in power for almost 600 years, was on the losing side of World War I. After the war, Turkey was divided and occupied by British, French, Italian and Greek troops.

Since the Ottoman Empire had no power to resist the occupation, Mustafa Kemal Atatürk sparked the War of Independence and established national forces to drive foreign forces out of the country.

After a long and tough struggle, Turkish and Greek forces converged along the shores of the Sakarya river. The battle was along a 100-kilometer front. During the battle, Atatürk told his troops, "There is no line of defense, but an area of defense ... and that area is the whole country. Not one inch of the country is to be abandoned until it is drenched with Turkish blood."

For 22 days, forces fought chest-to-chest without interruption until Turkish forces crushed the better-armed and better-manned Greek army. This victory led the Turkish troops to launch a final attack to clear the country of enemy troops.

The Turks started the attack in Afyon Aug. 26, 1922. After four days of fighting, the Turks won one of their largest victories. The victory was a turning point in founding the free Republic of Turkey.

Turkish history is filled with victories in August. One of the most notable one is the Malazgirt (Manzikert) victory.

Seljuk Turks, commanded by Alpaslan, were confronted by the Byzantines at Malazgirt in eastern Turkey Aug. 26, 1071. The 55,000 Turkish warriors were victorious against 200,000 Byzantine troops commanded by the emperor, Romanus Diogenus. After that victory, Turks conquered all Anatolia and made it their homeland.

The week of Aug. 26 is celebrated with military parades in the cities. Torch-lit parades wrap up the day's observances.



Turkish troops from the 10th Tanker Base Command here march during a parade. Promotions in the Turkish military services is Aug. 30 of every year.

Also, all promotions in the Turkish Armed Forces are made Monday. This year, 15 officers and 102 NCOs will be promoted to a higher rank at the 10th Tanker Base Command at Incirlik. As a result of the promotions, some assignments of high-ranking officers take place during this time of the year.

Monday is also when NCOs and officers enter the service after graduating from school and when new assignments are made.

Officers join the Turkish Air Force as second lieutenants after finishing the Air Force Academy, which lasts four years.

Military service is a must for Turkish males. At the age of 20, every Turkish male joins the armed forces for 15 months. Those are the askers.

Before being promoted to a new rank, officers should serve in the former rank for a preset number of years.

The time they should serve in ranks are: O-1, three years; O-2, six years; O-3, six years; O-4, five years; O-5, three years; O-6, at least five years but no more than eight years.

High Military Council convenes the first week of August every year. Promotions of colonels to general, promotions of generals to a higher rank and reassignment of generals are decided by the High Military Council headed by the prime minister.

College graduates serve a total of 12 months compulsory military service in the

armed forces. They serve as third lieutenants after three months of basic training.

NCOs join the armed forces after finishing military high school and start as E-3. They each put on a stripe every three years with exception of six years before promotion to E-8 and E-9.

In Turkish

zafer - victory
(zah-fehr)

rutbe - rank
(ruet-beh)

subay - officer
(sue-by)

astsubay - NCO
(ahs-sue-by)

agustos - August
(ah-ous-toss)

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



Today

Senior NCO induction — The induction ceremony is at the club. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Raymond Allen, 39th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant. For more information, call Master Sgt. Elton Hudson or Master Sgt. Trae King at 6-1464.

Saturday

Back to school celebration — There will be a back to school celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. Elementary students will celebrate in the elementary school multipurpose room. High school students will meet in the high school courtyard. Teacher lists and class schedules will also be available. For more information, call the elementary school at 6-3109 or the high school at 6-6330.

Wednesday

Club membership drive — The consolidated club sponsors a club membership drive today through Nov. 30. Club members can win cash in drawings and points toward merchandise. For more information, call the club at 6-6101.

Thursday

Back to school movie day — The family support center sponsors movie day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a bouncy castle, snacks and drinks. Transportation can be provided if need. For more information, call Master Sgt. Alicinne Peebles at 6-6-6755.

Upcoming

Budgeting class — The family support center offers a budgeting class Sept. 9 from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, call 6-6755.

IAHS PTSC nominations — Incirlik American High School Par-

ent-Teacher-Student Club board members are being accepted through Sept. 17. Elections are scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the high school media center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. John Herkel at 6-6439.

Ongoing

Latin Dance Committee — The community center seeks Latin Dance Committee members in preparation of Hispanic Heritage Month. For more information, call Nerissa Atkinson at 6-1032.

School registration — The high school office is open for registration Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students in grades seventh through 12th can be registered at this office. For more information, call Tervik Esberk at 6-6330.

New youth skate club — The club teaches new skate techniques and is open to children ages 10 to 18. Adult volunteers are needed. For more information, call the youth center at 6-6670 or 6-3263.

Conversational Turkish — The community center sponsors a conversational Turkish class Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the CAC at 6-6966.

Summer Sunday breakfast — A la carte breakfast will be served at the club instead of brunch during the summer months from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call the club at 6-6010.

Pet adoption — The stray animal facility opens Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. for adoptions and donations. The shelter does not accept pets. Owners need a new home for unwanted pets or take them to the Adana shelter. For more information, call Staff Sgts. Caroline Wood at 6-6072 or Adena Eberhardt at 6-1164.

Guitar classes — Guitar classes are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. For more information, call Dee Mills at 6-6966.

COMBAT & SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS



Friday

Deli tray night — At the Crossroads Cafe free food, fun and fellowship are available for the Incirlik community, ages 18 and older, from 7 to 11 p.m. The volunteer organization for the evening is the Gospel Service. For more information, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro, chapel program support manager, at 6-6441.

Saturday

Pool party — Protestant Youth of the Chapel sponsors a pool party from 6 to 9 p.m. at the base pool. Girls should wear a one-piece bathing suit or shirt and shorts. For more information, call John or Sueann Herkel at 6-5921.

Pizza night — At the Crossroads Cafe free food, fun and fellowship are available for the Incirlik community from 6 to 10 p.m. The volunteer organization for the evening is the Sergeants Association. For more information, call Senior Airman Tianna Milagro, chapel program support manager, at 6-6441.

Monday

New Protestant Channel — The Incirlik Combat Touch Committee invites the Incirlik community to preview a new proposed Protestant channels. The GOD channel previews Aug. 30 on channel 15. For more information, call the chapel at 6-6441.

Bible school — Protestant

Vacation Bible School is Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon each day. People can register at the base chapel. For more information, call Sueann Herkel at 6-6441.

Thursday

Smells and Bells — A "What do they really believe" class, the first in a "Smells and Bells - Catholic Update" series is at 6:30 p.m. at the chapel annex. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

Upcoming

Air Force birthday block party — Project CHEER sponsors an Air Force birthday block party Sept. 17 from 6 to 10:30 p.m. Live entertainment provided by Neon Venus, a Latin rock band. Events include a pool tournament at the community center, prizes and tug-of-war. Prizes include a 2005 Chevy Equinox, which will be given away to an eligible applicant during the party. All Department of Defense ID card holders 18 years of age and older are eligible to win the vehicle. To win the Chevy, registration forms must be received via fax or mail at U.S. Air Forces in Europe before 5 p.m. Sept. 17. For more information, call the community center at 6-6966.

Ongoing

Daily Mass — Catholic Daily Mass is at the chapel in the Blessed Sacrament Room Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. For more information, call Patty Heidlage at 6-3890.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Staff Sgt. Tracy Ford, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels training and war readiness material NCO in charge

Time in service: 12 years and three months

Time on station: One year and six months

Hometown: Morgantown, N.C.

Hobbies: Bowling and watching sports

Why did you join the Air Force? My dad and two brothers were in the military and I had always wanted to join.

What do you like most about Incirlik? I enjoy all the historic sites in Turkey. I just wish I had more time to visit them all.

How do you contribute to the air base wing's mission? I have the overall responsibility of

ensuring all fuels personnel are current on all training qualifications, ensuring only clean, dry fuel is issued to all aircraft in a safe manner. In addition, I am the fuels flight war readiness material monitor and have the responsibility of maintaining and deploying these assets to any combat mission around the world.

What's your favorite motto and why? Don't sweat the small stuff and all stuff is small stuff. I have always thought this is a good motto to live by. Life is too short to worry yourself to death.

What Air Force core value best describes you? Excellence in all you do. I try to live this core value in all aspects of my life. I feel if a job is worth doing, it's worth doing right. I learned this early in life when I used to work in the garden and did yard work with my dad. I have always taken pride in giving every task I accomplish my best effort.

Supervisor's quote: "If Elmer Letterman is correct by saying, 'personality can open doors, but only character can keep them open,' then Staff Sgt. Ford will never face a closed door," said Tech. Sgt. AnnLouise Fowlkes, 39th LRS fuels resource control center NCO in charge.

YOUR TURN

To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

What was the highlight of your summer?

"I liked playing with my friends and having slumber parties."

— **Zanthea Jones, 9**



"Going to the beach and seeing the castle."

— **Devin Watson, 8**

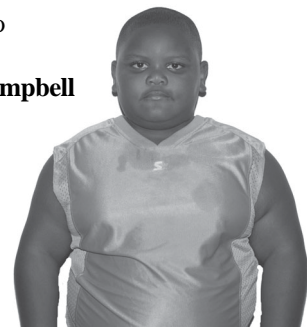


"My favorite part of the summer was going to the pool every Monday and Wednesday." — **Taylor Carter, 8**



"I liked going to Aqualand."

— **Roderick Campbell Jr., 5**



"Playing with my friends."

— **Paige Collier, 8**



CLASSIFIEDS

Free to a good home due to TDY & PCS: A 2-year-old male kitten, de-clawed, short hair cat. Sweet, gentle personality. Has shots/ AVID chip current. Comes with kennel, food, litter box and toys. For more information, call Liz at 6-1990 (work) or 6-5916 (home).

Free to a good home: A 4-month-old male kitten. Has all shots, an AVID chip and is neutered. For more information, call 6-5314.

For sale: Diamond engagement and wedding set from Fred Meyer jewelers, 14 kt., gold, 1 kt. tw., never worn, \$1,700. For more

information, call Amber at 6-2933 or 0535-300-2903.

For sale: Ladies engagement ring/ wedding set, diamonds on engagement and wedding band, diamonds guaranteed at Helzberg's jewelers, \$850 OBO. Call Elaine at 6-5535.

For sale: Solid four-piece walnut bedroom set, purchased six months ago. Set includes a king-sized four-poster bed, large dresser and two bedside tables. Must see. Asking \$3,600 OBO. For more information, call Jeremy or Ashley at 6-5718.

For sale: Sectional sofa, in good condition, with nine big pillows and two small pillows. Asking \$150. Purchased in the base exchange furniture store. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Kim Higgins at 6-6611 (days) or 6-5444 (nights).

Combat Education is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe combat program which helps remove barriers to allow Airmen to pursue advanced education.

By meeting the program goals, this initiative aims to

help with the personal and professional development of USAFE Airmen. For more information or for help meeting advanced educational goals, call the education center at 6-3211, the University of Maryland University College at 6-6367, Central Texas College at 6-8399 or Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at 6-1098.



Combat Education



Photos by Ellen Lee

Olympics reach Incirlik

The youth center sponsored an Olympics Spirit Camp with an Olympic athlete guest Aug. 16 through 20 to help teach Incirlik youth the importance of exercise, how to exercise correctly and how to jump hurdles. "I had a lot of fun," said Alexis Hagen, one of the children who participated. "We got to run and I can jump hurdles now." **(Left)** Kevin Young, world record holder and gold medalist recipient in the 1992 Olympics for the 400-yard hurdles, sits in the center of children from the Incirlik School Age Summer Program as he explains tips to exercising correctly. **(Below)** Taylor Carter, Alexis Hagen begin a race over hurdles as other children from the Incirlik School Age Summer Program await their chance to try.



AT THE MOVIES

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) – Starring Tobey

Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Peter faces new challenges as he struggles



with "the gift and the curse," desperately trying to balance his dual identities as the web-slinging superhero Spider-Man and his life as a college student. Peter finds that his relationships with all those he holds dear are in danger of unraveling. His life-long yearning for M.J. becomes even stronger as he fights the impulse to reveal his secret life and declare his love. Peter's life is about to become even more complicated as he encounters a formidable new foe, Dr. Octavius. Showing at 9 p.m. (128 minutes)

Saturday

Around the World in 80 days (PG-13) – Starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. Showing at 5 p.m. (120 minutes)

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) – Starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Showing at 7 p.m. (128 minutes)

Sunday

Spider-Man 2 (PG-13) – Starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst. Showing at 7 p.m. (128 minutes)

Thursday

Shrek 2 (PG) –

Starring Mike Meyers and Eddie Murphy. Shrek and Fiona return from their honeymoon



to find Fiona's parents inviting them for dinner. Fiona's parents anticipate the homecoming of their daughter and her new Prince. But no one could have prepared them for the sight of their new son-in-law. Shrek now faces his greatest challenge: The In-Laws. Showing at 7 p.m. (105 minutes)

At the M1

Open Water (R) – 12:15 p.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. (80 minutes)

Elephant (R) – 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (81 minutes)

For more information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140. The provision of movie information does not constitute an endorsement by the 39th Air Base Wing, U.S. government, Department of Defense or Department of the U.S. Air Force. For more information, call the theater at 6-6986.

Today At the Oasis

Around the World in 80 days (PG-13) –



Starring Steve Coogan and Jackie Chan. Passepartout, a Chinese thief steals a valuable jade Bud-

dha and then seeks refuge in the traveling companionship of an eccentric inventor, Fogg, who has taken on a bet with members of his gentlemen's club that he can make it around the world in a mere 80 days. Along the way, Passepartout uses his amazing martial arts abilities to defend Fogg from the many dangers they face. Showing at 7 p.m. (120 minutes)